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1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH MARCH 18 GAVE ME TEXT
CONTAINED IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH THIS TELEGRAM OF GOA'S
TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE SENT BY THE SHAH TO PRESIDENT DAOUD IN
RESPONSE TO THE LATTER'S MESSAGE OF MARCH (REFTEL A). THE
BRACKETS IN THE TEXT ARE MINE AND INDICATE THOSE PORTIONS WHICH
THE GOA HAS TOLD THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR HERE IT WILL NOT MAKE
PUBLIC. ABDULLAH EXPLAINED THAT THESE PASSAGES WOULD ONLY
IRRITATE THE SOVIETS. COMMENT: IN POINT OF FACT, THE BRACKETED
SENTENCE IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE SHAH'S MESSAGE WOULD
SEEM TO BE UNPUBLISHABLE HERE BECAUSE OF ITS RELEVANCE TO THE
GOA'S PROBLEMS WITH PAKISTAN.

2. TEXT: QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY MOHAMMAD DAOUD, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN, KABUL: THE TELEGRAM OF OUR DEAR
BROTHER WHICH EXPRESSED SINCERE ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD SENTIMENTS
AND AT THE SAME TIME AN EXAMPLE OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S BROAD VISION
OF WORLDWIDE PROBLEMS WAS RECEIVED BY US. WE ALSO AGREE WITH OUR
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DEAR BROTHER ON THE MENTIONED SUBJECT AND HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED

THAT THE SOLUTION OF DISTURBANCES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES IS ONLY POSSIBLE IN A CALM ATMOSPHERE. (AND THOSE COUNTRIES WHO CREATE TROUBLE WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS DON'T THINK OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACT.) YOUR EXCELLENCY WITH ALL THE OLD EXPERIENCES THAT YOU HAVE HAD CAN APPRECIATE THE SITUATION MUCH BETTER THAN ANYBODY ELSE THAT THE POLICY OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN BASED ON THE FACT THAT NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES MUST ALWAYS LIVE IN PEACE AND HARMONY AND TRY TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS A BETTER LIVING STANDARD FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRAN AS WELL AS THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

QUOTE OUR BELIEF IS THAT THESE DISTURBANCES NOT ONLY CREATE TROUBLE FOR THE TWO NEIGHBOR COUNTRIES CONCERNED (BUT OUTSIDERS WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION. WE HAVE SEEN THAT THESE DISTURBANCES ARE CREATED BY OUTSIDERS AND THE NEGATIVE RESULTS OF THESE SITUATIONS ARE WELL KNOWN TO YOUR EXCELLENCY. DUE TO THIS FACT, THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN REPEATEDLY AND MOST OF ALL THESE LAST MONTHS HAS TRIED TO SHOW RESTRAINT AND SANG FROID TOWARDS THE IRAQI AGGRESSION AND HAS ONLY TRIED TO KEEP THE AGGRESSORS AWAY FROM THE IRANIAN TERRITORIES.) AND AS WE ARE DEEPLY AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY SORRY FOR THE BLOODSHED OF OUR MOSLEM BROTHERS WE HOPE THAT THE ACTUAL CEASEFIRE WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA IN THE RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN THE HOPE OF GOOD HEALTH FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY, WE PRAY GOD FOR THE GOODWILL OF OUR BROTHER COUNTRY AFGHANISTAN AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S SUCCESS FOR YOUR GOOD EFFORTS IN THIS ENDEAVOR AS FOR THE PROGRESS OF YOUR COUNTRY. MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI UNQUOTE

3. ABDULLAH COMMENTED THAT THE GOA IS MOST PLEASED WITH THIS EXCHANGE WITH THE SHAH AND POINTED IN PARTICULAR TO THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE SHAH'S MESSAGE AS EVIDENCE OF A WARMING TREND IN AFGHAN-IRANIAN RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT HE AND DAUDJIS BROTHER NAIM ARE PROPOSING TO THE GOI THAT THEY MAKE THEIR VISIT TO TEHRAN APPROXIMATELY MAY 5. (ABDULLAH SAID HE WANTED TO BE IN KABUL FOR THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT MAY.)

4. I COMMENTED ONLY THAT I AM CERTAIN THAT WASHINGTON VERY MUCH WELCOMES THE GOOD NEWS IN AFGHAN-IRANIAN RELATIONS.
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